

# Man loses leg one week after gunmen killed 2 sisters, chopped off mum's hands

From **Gyang Bere, Jos**

ONE week after his mother's hands were chopped off in a gruesome manner and his two younger sisters brutally killed by suspected gunmen, John Dung lost his leg in an accident that almost cost him his life.

His waist is also badly affected in the motorcycle accident that claimed the life of his friend, while on a night journey to a mining camp.

Dung, 35, hails from Baki-Kogi, Foron District, Barkin-Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State, joined the flourishing mining business shortly after completing his secondary education.

Now, a breadwinner of his family has suddenly become a beggar in the village, where his younger brother who earlier took responsibility of paying his children's school fees, backed out due to current economic hardship that has bedevilled

the country:

"Since gunmen invaded my house in December 2014 and killed my two younger sisters, life has not been easy for me. I was battling to take care of my injured mother, a tragedy struck, which rendered me incapacitated.

"My wife, who has assumed the bread winner of the family can hardly provide two square meals for the children, coupled also with my dependant mother who is without hands."

He spends N3,000 weekly on harps to save his leg from amputation, yet his situation has continued to degenerate. Trapped on his crutches, John can hardly walk and his matrimonial home is in danger:

"My wife easily picks quarrel with me because I am no longer supporting the family. I can't even meet her sexual needs, but I still appreciate her because she has tolerated me all these years.

"I plead with government to assist me with grinding machine, which will enable me work to carter for my family and my aged mother. I do not need to hide anything because that will save my marriage. Life has been extremely difficult, somebody has to dash me his cloth, if not, I don't know how I would have been walking now."

John who came out for the medical outreach, organised by member representing Barkin-Ladi and Riyom Federal Constituency in the House

of Representatives, Istifanus Gyang, said he came to see doctor who could advise him on what to do with his rotten leg. But hapless John returned home very devastated as he could not see the doctor after travelling for distance due to long queues made up of indigent sick persons drawn across North Senatorial District of Plateau State.